

# Alaska Local and Regional Information

## Workforce Info

### Shishmaref

Shishmaref is a second class city located on Sarichef Island in the Chukchi Sea, just north of Bering Strait. It is five miles from the mainland, about 125 miles north of Nome and 100 miles southwest of Kotzebue. Shishmaref is part of the Nome Census Area.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 587, a gain of about 25 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 64 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Local Government was the main industry in 2008, employing 53 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Teacher Assistants than any other occupation.

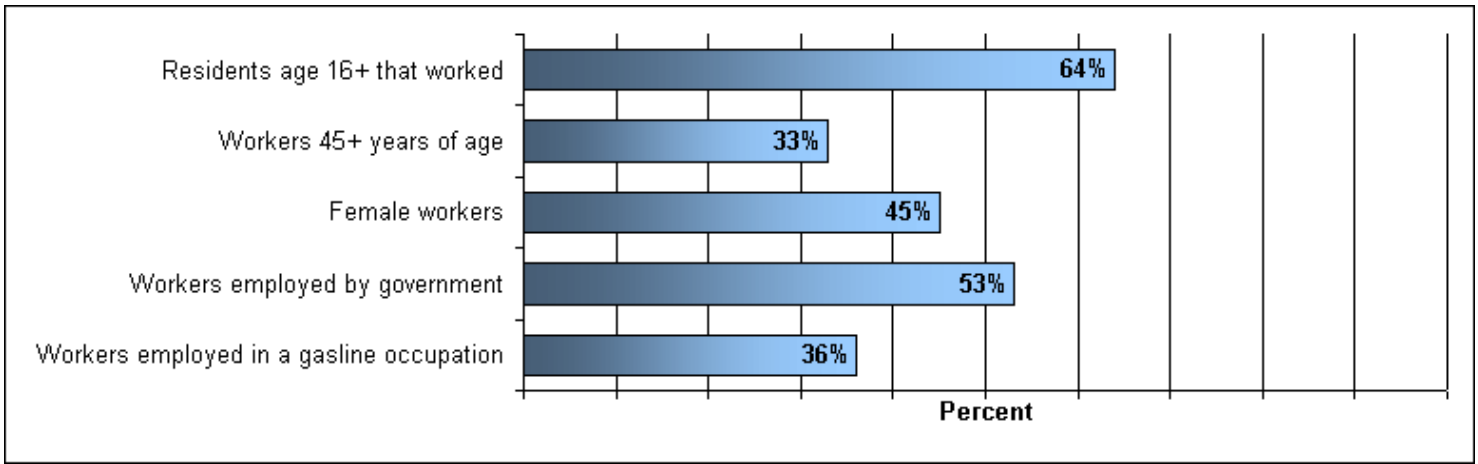
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

#### Shishmaref Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	364	Total wages	\$3,445,452
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	232	Private	108
Male	127	State government	2
Female	105	Local government	122
Age 45+	77	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	47	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	192
		Percent working all 4 quarters	57.3%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	67	Some construction	35
		At least 1 year construction	8
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	0
New hires	152	Worked in an <b>AGIA</b> occupation	205

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## 2008 Residents

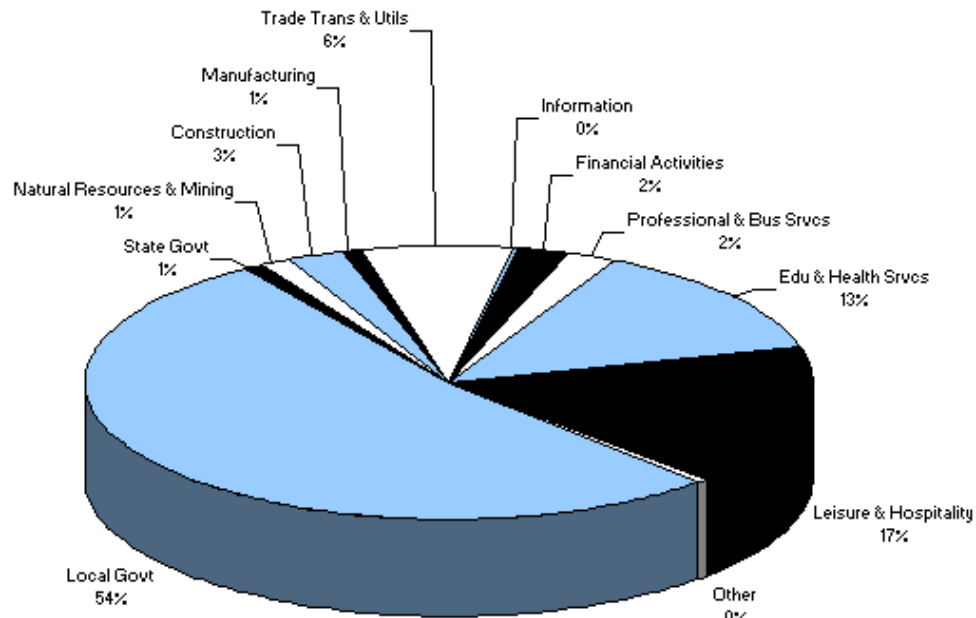


## Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Teacher Assistants	25	76.0%	10	8
Gaming and Sports Book Writers and Runners	24	45.8%	4	3
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other <b>AGIA</b>	14	64.3%	6	3
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	14	7.1%	5	2
Cashiers	14	71.4%	1	1
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education <b>HOT JOB</b>	11	81.8%	8	5
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers <b>AGIA</b>	8	12.5%	1	0
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand <b>AGIA</b>	8	12.5%	1	0
Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria <b>AGIA</b>	7	85.7%	3	2
Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners, All Other	6	100.0%	1	0
Construction Laborers <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	6	0.0%	1	0
Power Plant Operators <b>HOT JOB</b>	5	0.0%	1	1
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	5	0.0%	2	2

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## Resident Workers by Industry



## Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	*	*	*	*
Construction	6	0.0%	1	0
Manufacturing	*	*	*	*
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	15	26.7%	3	3
Information	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	5	0.0%	4	3
Professional and Business Services	5	0.0%	0	0
Educational and Health Services	31	67.7%	9	6
Leisure and Hospitality	39	46.2%	10	4
State Government	*	*	*	*
Local Government	122	47.5%	48	30
Other	*	*	*	*
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0

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## Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	43	43	41	46

\*\*UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

## Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Bering Strait School Dist
City of Shishmaref
Kawerak Inc
Shishmaref Ira Self Det
Shishmaref Dog Mushers Assoc
Shishmaref Native Store
Norton Sound Health Corp
Shishmaref Native Corp
Shishmaref Ira Gaming
City Of Shismaref Bingo & Gamming
Shishmaref Emergency Services

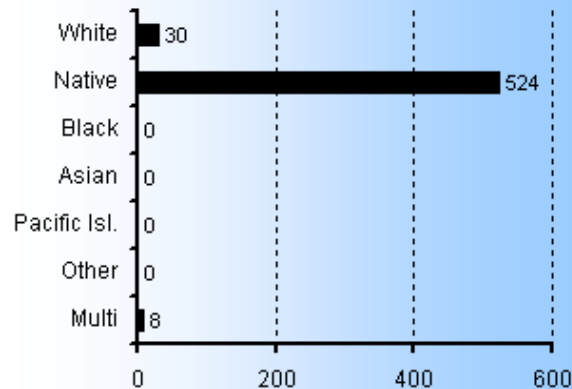
**Population over Time**



**2000 Census**

Median Age	24.1
Average Family Size	4.6
Average Household Size	4.0
Per Capita Income	\$10,487
Median Family Income	\$29,306
Median Household Income	\$30,714

**Population by Race**



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

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